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SUMMARY: PLENARY CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL
FRAMEWORK, TIMETABLE, AND OTHER MODALITIES OF MEETING,
AND AGREED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS
3, 4, AND 6, WHICH WERE CONSIDERED TOO DIFFICULT TO DEAL
WITH AT THIS TIME. TURKISH REP PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MALTESE
PROPOSAL ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN
STATES (NPMS) (BELGRADE 4807). ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS TWO,
FIVE (PARA. 1), SEVEN THROUGH ELEVEN OF NEUTRAL/NON-
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ALIGNED (NNA) PAPER WERE PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED WITHOUT
BRACKETS. SOVIET REP IN COFFEE BREAK THREATENED NO
FALL MEETING IF FIRM CUT-OFF DATE WERE NOT AGREED UPON.
END SUMMARY.

1. ORGANIZATIONAL POINT TWO OF NNA PAPER WAS PROVISION-
ALLY REGISTERED WITHOUT BRACKETS, AFTER WITH-

DRAWAL BY BELGIAN REP OF SUGGESTED BRACKETS AROUND WORDING PROPOSED BY POLISH REP (PARA 4 REFTEL), BEGINNING "BY THE PLENARY" THROUGH END OF SENTENCE. FRENCH REP ALSO WITHDREW PHRASE "AFTER THE BELGRADE MEETING" FOLLOWING LINE "FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONFERENCE." IT WAS AGREED INFORMALLY THAT POLISH WORDING MEANT THAT ONLY PLENARY COULD SET UP ADDITIONAL WORKING BODIES, BUT THAT WORKING GROUPS WERE NOT PREVENTED FROM SETTING UP INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUPS. NETHERLANDS REP WITHDREW HIS RESERVATION LINKING POINT 2 TO POINTS 3 AND 4, AND TEXT WAS PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED WITHOUT BRACKETS.

2. IN INITIAL DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINT THREE, GDR REP, SUPPORTED BY USSR AND HUNGARY, SUGGESTED DELETION OF PHRASE ON "STRUCTURE AND SEQUENCE." TO COUNTER-BALANCE THIS, U.S. REP, SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM, RECOMMENDED SUBSTITUTING "OF ITEM FOUR OF THE AGENDA" FOR "OF THE FINAL ACT." FINNISH AND SWISS REPS URGED THAT DELS LEAVE TEXT UNCHANGED, EXCEPT FOR EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS, SINCE WORDING REPRESENTED CAREFUL POLITICAL BALANCE. SWISS REP THEN PROPOSED COFFEE BREAK TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES IN RELATED ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS 3, 4, AND 6.

3. DISCUSSION AT INFORMAL MEETING DURING COFFEE BREAK
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CONCENTRATED ON RELATED ISSUES OF MANDATE AND NUMBER OF MEETINGS FOR WORKING BODIES, DURATION OF EXISTENCE OF WORKING BODIES, AND DURATION OF MAIN MEETING. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS 3, 4, 6, AND 12 WERE RELATED AND WOULD REQUIRE AN OVERALL SOLUTION. SOVIET REP (VORONTSOV), POUNDING TABLE WITH HIS FIST (NOTE: THIS SCENE TOOK PLACE AT A ROUND TABLE IN A CORNER OF CONFERENCE COFFEE BAR, WITH ABOUT TWELVE DELEGATIONS PRESENT), STATED "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ALL UNDERSTAND. IF THERE IS NO AGREED CLOSING DATE FOR THE MAIN MEETING, THERE WILL BE NO BELGRADE MEETING THIS FALL". DELEGATIONS PRESENT TREATED THIS OUTBURST WITH A LIGHT TOUCH, BUT IT CLEARLY HAD A CHILLING EFFECT ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF TODAY'S MEETING. U.S. REP THEN PROPOSED PUTTING ASIDE ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS 3, 4, 6, AND 12 FOR THE MOMENT AND RETURNING TO FORMAL MEETING TO WORK ON THE OTHER REMAINING ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS.

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4. FOLLOWING COFFEE BREAK, MEETING RESUMED WITH DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINT FIVE (CONTRIBUTIONS BY ECE/UNEC SO AND NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES.) ROMANIAN REP REPEATED WORDING PROPOSED INFORMALLY, TO BE INSERTED BEFORE THIRD SENTENCE: "THE PLENARY SHALL ALSO BE ABLE TO DECIDE TO INVITE THESE TWO AGENCIES TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES." MALTESE REP SUGGESTED MAKING POINT FIVE INTO TWO PARAGRAPHS AND REVERSING THEIR ORDER. FRG REP REFERRED TO ORDER IN FINAL ACT WHICH MENTIONS ECE/UNESCO BEFORE NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED REGISTERING PARA ONE OF POINT FIVE PROVISIONALLY, WITH THE NUMBER FIVE IN BRACKETS, SO AS NOT TO PREJUDICE FINAL ORDER, AND THIS WAS AGREED.

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5. IN AFTERNOON SESSION, DISCUSSION TURNED TO PARA TWO OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINT FIVE. SPANISH REP FORMULIZED MALTESE PROPOSAL (BELGRADE 4807) (APPARENTLY

MALTESE REP DID NOT THINK HE COULD PUT HIS PROPOSAL FORWARD FORMALLY BECAUSE IT WAS MORE MODERATE THAN HIS INSTRUCTIONS). NETHERLANDS AND SWISS REPS THOUGHT "VIEWS" WAS TOO IMPRECISE AND COULD LEAD TO GENERAL STATEMENTS BY THE NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES. SPANISH REP STATED THAT UNDER HIS PROPOSAL THE NPMS WOULD MAKE ONE APPEARANCE, AUTOMATICALLY, IN PLENARY; ONE APPEARANCE, AUTOMATICALLY, BEFORE WORKING BODY DEALING WITH MEDITERRANEAN; AND POSSIBLY A FURTHER APPEARANCE AT INVITATION OF MEDITERRANEAN WORKING BODY, WHICH WOULD NOT BE AUTOMATIC. NETHERLANDS REP THEN QUESTIONED PROPOSAL'S AIM, WONDERING ABOUT THIRD ROUND, DISTRUSTING THE EMERGENCE OF A DIALOGUE AS A NOTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE DISCUSSION OF UNCONNECTED PROBLEMS IN THE MAIN MEETING. SPANISH REP RESPONDED THAT NPMS COULD NOT BECOME OBSERVERS, NOR WAS THIS POSSIBILITY SUGGESTED. YUGOSLAV AND ITALIAN REPS GENERALLY SUPPORTED SPANISH PROPOSAL. MEETING THEN TOOK COFFEE BREAK TO ALLOW MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES TO REFINE SPANISH TEXT TO MAKE IT MORE BROADLY ACCEPTABLE.

6. FOLLOWING COFFEE BREAK, TURKISH REP PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SPANISH TEXT, WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED AMONG MEDITERRANEAN DELEGATIONS (SPAIN, FRANCE, ITALY, MALTA, GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA, TURKEY, CYPRUS) DURING THE BREAK. REVISED TEXT SUBSTITUTED FOR FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA TWO OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINT FIVE. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS: "THE NPMS ARE INVITED TO MAKE KNOWN, IF THEY SO DESIRE, THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PLENARY AND IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROPRIATE WORKING BODY, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT AND ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES ENUMERATED IN THE CHAPTER ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA. THIS BODY (I.E., WORKING BODY) MAY DECIDE TO INVITE THESE STATES TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, IN THE COURSE OF THE BELGRADE MEETING, IF IT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY." DELEGATIONS AGREED TO REFLECT ON THIS PROPOSAL. (NOTE: WE PLAN TO RAISE NO OBJECTION TO CONCEPT OF THIS TEXT, BUT WILL SEEK A MORE ELEGANT ENGLISH VERSION.)

7. MEETING THEN AGREED TO PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, TEN (ROMANIANS MADE GENERAL RESERVATION ON ORGANIZATIONAL POINTS NINE AND TEN UNTIL AGENDA POINTS 2 AND 8 ARE AGREED), AND ELEVEN. DANISH SUGGESTION TO DRAW LOTS FOR SPEAKERS' LISTS AND CHAIRMANSHIP ON JULY 20 WAS

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